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ABSTRACT'

This fact sheet contains data on teen pregnancy. The following information is provided: teen birth rate, 1960-1992; number of births to teens, 1960-1992; percent of non-marital teen births, 1960-1992; births to unmarried women, by age group, 1992; international comparison on teen birth rate; abortion rate among U.S. teens, 1973-1990; pregnancy intentions and outcomes, 1987; birth rate by state, broken out by race and Hispanic ethnicity, and by marital status, 1992; birth rate in large U.S. cities, broken out by age, race, and marital status, 1992. (JE)



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AT A GLANCE

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TEEN BIRTH RATE. Between 1986 and 1991, the teen birth rate rose by one-quarter. In 1992, this increase stopped, and a tiny decline was registered. Although the decline in the teen birth rate was small, it occurred in nearly every state and among both black and white teens. It is too soon to know whether this slight decline represents the beginning of a sustained downturn.

	Teen Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 Females Aged 15-19)												
	1960	1970	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989 [^]	1990	1991	1992		
All Females											• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
15-19	89.1	68.3	53.0	51.0	50.2	50.6	53.0	57.3	59.9	62.1	60.7		
Whites*	79.4	57.4	45.4	43.3	42.3	42.5	44.4	47.9	50.8	52.8	51.8		
Blacks*	156.1	140.7	97.8	95.4	95.8	97.6	102.7	111.5	112.8	115.5	112.4		

^{*}Before 1980, race of child; from 1980 onward, race of mother.

NUMBER OF BIRTHS TO TEENS. The number of births to teens also declined slightly in 1992. However, this decline was concentrated among older teens. The number of births to adolescents 14 and younger actually rose slightly.

	Number of Births to Females Under Age 20											
	1960	1970	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	
Age												
Under 15	6,780	11,752	10,169	10,220	10,176	10,311	10,588	11,486	11.657	12 014	12,220	
15-17	182,408	223,590	198,222	167,789	168,572	172,591	176,624	181.044	183.327	188.226	187.549	
18-19	404,558	421,118	353,939	299,696	293,333	289,721	301,729	325,459	338,499	331 351	317.866	
Under 20	593,746	656,460	562,330	477,705	472,081	472,623	488,941	517,989	533,483	531,591	517,635	

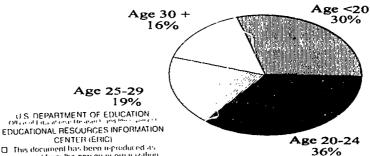
In 1992, one-quarter of all teen births were not first births. This represents a 12.5% increase in repeat teen childbearing compared to 1985.

NON-MARITAL BIRTHS. In 1992, the percent of teen births that occurred outside of marriage continued to increase.

Percent of Births to Females Under Age 20 that	1960	1970	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Were Non-marital	15	30	48	59	61	64	66	67	68	69	71

Although the rate of births among unmarried teens has risen substantially over the past several decades, most non-marital births occur to women who are age 20 or older. In 1992, females under age 20 had 30% of all non-marital births.

Births to Unmarried Women, 1992 Percent to Women in Varied Age Groups



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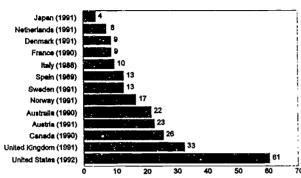


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INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS





Birth rates among teenagers in other industrial nations are much lower than rates in the United States.

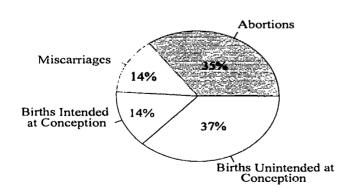
More generous welfare benefits are typical in Europe, yet rates of teenage childbearing are only one-eighth to about one-half of the U.S. rates. The much lower rates achieved by European nations casts doubt upon the contention that welfare benefits represent an incentive to teenage childbearing.

The birth rate among U.S. non-Hispanic whites was 42 per 1,000 females 15-19 in 1992. While lower than the overall U.S. teen birth rate of 61, the birth rate among white teens is still high compared to other nations.

ABORTION AMONG U.S. TEENS. The number of abortions, the rate of abortion, and the abortion ratio all declined slightly during the late 1980s.

	1973	1975	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
				Number	r of Abo	rtions			
Age < 15	1 i,630	15,260	15,340	- ,	15,690		13,650	12,750	12,580
Age 15-19	231,900	326,780	•		389,240			370,900	350,970
		Abo	rtion Ra	te (Abor	tions per	¹ 1,000 fe	males 15	-19)	
Age 15-19	22.8	31.2	42.8	43.5	42.3	41.8	43.5	42.0	40.6
	At	ortion R	atio (Per	rcent of l	oirths plu	ıs aborti	ons, endi	ng in ab	orti n)
Age < 15	47%	55%	-		-			•	-
Age 15-19	28%	36%	45%	46%	46%	45%	45%	42%	40%

PREGNANCY INTENTIONS AND OUTCOMES



Of all pregnancies to teens in 1987, 35% ended in abortion, 14% ended in miscarriages, 37% ended in unintended births, and only 14% ended in births that were intended at conception.

Of all pregnancies among females aged 15-19 in 1987, 71% occurred to teens who were not using contraception when they became pregnant.



TABLE 1: BIRTHS TO MOTHERS UNDER AGE 20 IN 1992

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							# OF BIRTHS	* OF TEEN	PIRST BIRTES
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				Total	UNDER A		PENALES UNDER	HISPANIC	PERCENT TO
	Under 15	<u> 15-17</u>	18-19	Under 20	White	Black	AGE 20	MOTHERS	TERM MOTHERS
ALABAMA.	347	4,116	6,844	11,307	5,585	5,684	69	1%	31%
ALASKA	21	409	851	1,281	727	77	52	4%	24%
ARIZONA	188	3,842	6,305	10,335	8,624	571	4,627	45%	30%
ARKANSAS	185	2,403	4,151	6,739	4,245	2,451	90	1%	35%
CALIFORNIA	1,595	26,010	43,391	70,996	58,853	8,215	42,100	59%	23%
COLORADO	125	2,423	3,978	6,526	5,693	617	2,435	37%	23*
CONNECTICUT	121	1,441	2,260	3,822	2,669	1,098	1,294	34*	14%
DELAWARE	55	545	720	1,320	672	632	97	7 %	22%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		699	1,005	1,785	59	1,666	133	7*	29%
FLORIDA	742	9,559	15,654	25,955	14,958	10,784	3,429	13%	24%
GEORGIA	542	6,662	10,800	18,004	8,437	9,470	412	2 %	28%
HAWAII	35	660	1,296	1,991	328	60	379	19%	19%
IDAHO	30	748	1,481	2,259	2,173	10	373	17%	28%
ILLINOIS	662	9,129	14,852	24,643	13,284	11,212	4,474	18%	24%
INDIANA	201	4,081	7,587	11,869	9,162	2,655	368	3%	27%
IOWA	64	1,223	2,649	3,936	3,542	331	159	4 %	21%
KANSAS	68	1,536	3,104	4,708	3,748	852	422	9*	25%
KENTUCKY	183	3,112	5,598	8,893	7,542	1,324	41	0%	30%
LOUISIANA	398	5,071	7,321	12,790	5,042	7,648	87	1%	34%
MAINE	15	509	1,116	1,640	1,610	9	13	1*	19%
MARYLAND	239	2,812	4,544	7,595	3,054	4,472	285	4 %	18%
MASSACHUSETTS	120	2,448	4,110	6,678	5,163	1,317	1,741	26%	14%
MICHIGAN	374	6,478	11,896	18,748	10,867	7,647	881	5*	24 %
MINNESOTA	109	1,804	3,406	5,319	3,970	764	268	5∜	17%
MISSISSIPPI	345	3,662	5,148	9,155	3,230	5,854	20	0%	38%
MISSOURI	206	3,947	6,910	11,063	7,416	3,561	178	2%	27%
MONTANA	15	461	884	1,360	1,021	5	41	3%	25%
NEBRASKA	36	759	1,526	2,321	1,873	335	199	9%	21%
NEVADA	58	972	1,747	2,777	2,130	511	682	25%	24%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	10	294	768	1,072	1,047	18	2 400	26%	13*
NEW JERSEY	274	3,439	5,823	9,536	4,813	4,614	2,489	26%	14%
NEW MEXICO	80	1,808	2,862	4,750	3,962	116	2,805	59%	34% 17%
NEW YORK	641	9,658	15,705	26,004	16,169	9,485	7,756	30% 2%	26%
NORTH CAROLINA	371	5,746	9,907	16,024	8,319	7,252 9	351 24	21 31	21%
NORTH DAKOTA	8	239	572	819	621		524	28	26%
OHIO	460	7,666	13,873	21,999	15,204 5,644	6,684 1,295	391	2 * 5 *	31%
OKLAHOMA	155 86	2,778 1,795	5,080 3,330	8,013 5,211	4,715	263	713	14%	24%
OREGON PENNSYLVANIA	452	6,308	10,527	17,287	11,317	5,783	1,518	9%	20%
RHODE ISLAND	33	500	881	1,414	1,077	251	268	19\$	18%
SOUTH CAROLINA	268	3,434	5,618	9,320	4,106	5,174	83	1*	29%
SOUTH DAKOTA	11	424	821	1,256	797	8	19	2%	25%
TENNESSEE	325	4,460	7,667	12,452	7,949	4,439	102	1*	29%
TEXAS	1,238	19,296	30,509	51,043	40,339	10,323	24,876	49%	29%
UTAH	53	1,338	2,531	3,922	3,681	47	489	12%	24%
VERMONT	5	186	463	654	640	6	2	0%	17%
VIRGINIA	256	3,622	6,843	10,721	5,931	4,673	384	4%	20%
WASHINGTON	115	3,039	5,264	8,418	7,133	584	1,409	17%	21%
WEST VIRGINIA	53	1,299	2,459	3,811	3,619	186	10	0%	31%
WISCONSIN	159	2,427	4,623	7,209	4,532	2,192	466	6%	20%
WYOMING	7	272	606	885	812	14	108	12%	28%
U.S. TOTAL	12,220	187,549	317,866	517,635	348,106	153,248	110,136	21%	24%

^{*}Hispanic persons may be of any race. New Hampshire does not report births by Hispanic origin.

Nonmarital births are inferred for California, Connecticut, Michigan, Nevada, New York, and Texas.



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Source: Unpublished data from the National Center for Health Statistics, Department of Health and Human Services; forth-coming in Vital Statistics of the United States, 1992, Vol. 1, Natality.

TABLE 2: BIRTH RATES FOR TEEMS 15-19 IN 1980, 1985 AND 1990-1992, AND FOR TEEMS 15-17 AND 18-19 IN 1992, AND PERCENT NORMARITAL IN 1992

Sources: Denominators for the 1985-1992 rates use the latest revised data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Branch. These revisions affect birth rates in some states in 1991 and 1990. Birth data are provided by the National Center for Health Statistics, Department of Health and Human Services. Data for 1992 are forthcoming in Vital Statistics of the United States, 1992, Vol. 1, Natality.

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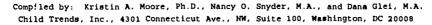
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				Mothers						Under Age 20,
	Total	17 and	Ages	Under		n11.*	Total	17 and	Ages	Percent Monmarital
City	Under 20	Younger	<u>18-19</u>	Age 20	White	Black	Under 20	Younger	18-19	MUMBELICAL
AKRON, OH	638	258	380	17*	298	335	561	246	315	88*
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	1,126	462	664	15%	1,024	48	911	408	503	81%
AMARILLO, TX	543	199	344	19%	456	78	197	89	108	36%
ANAHBIM, CA	834	301	533	12%	788	33	518	220	298	62*
ANCHORAGE, AK	499	161	338	10%	325	60	347	138	269	70%
ARLINGTON, TX	503	180	323	10%	415	78	169	78	91	34%
ATLANTA, GA	1,902	867	1,035	21%	170	1,725	1,798	838	960	95∜
AURORA, CO	487	174	313	11%	330	138	352	154	198	72*
AUSTIN, TX	1,274	544	730	14%	948	315	455	232	223	36%
BAKERSFIELD, CA	1,269	544	725	17%	1,094	158	992	480 1,094	512 1,204	78% 87%
BALTIMORE, MD	2,649	1,237	1,412	20 % 15 %	398 202	2,239 592	2,298 691	320	371	87\$
BATON ROUGE, LA BIRMINGHAM, AL	798 959	343 445	455 514	21%	86	873	870	426	444	91%
BOSTON, MA	1,072	445	627	12*	399	644	1,010	423	587	94%
BRIDGEPORT, CT	503	227	276	18*	305	187	446	211	235	89*
BUFFALO, NY	977	445	532	16%	415	549	893	424	469	91%
CHARLOTTE, NC	1,003	453	550	14%	279	707	896	433	.<3	89*
CHATTANOOGA, TN	506	198	308	21%	184	322	421	183	238	83*
CHESAPEAKE, VA	328	126	202	12*	142	185	244	112	132	74%
CHICAGO, IL	11,116	4,869	6,247	19%	3,560	7,468	9,904	4,602	5,302	89%
CINCINNATI, OH	1,362	609	753	20%	411	944	1,256	592	664	92*
CLEVELAND, OH	2,210	966	1,244	20%	700	1,499	2,043	920	1,123	92*
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	695	220	475	12%	570	96	432	191	241	62 %
COLUMBUS, GA	699	284	415	21%	226	471	542	251 656	291 825	78% 84%
COLUMBUS, OH	1,759	706	1,053	16%	91.5 779	823 42	1,481 270	134	136	33%
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	827 3,939	356 1,688	471 2,251	18 % 18 %	2,128	1,772	2,220	1,040	1,180	56 %
DALLAS, TX DAYTON, OH	741	313	428	20%	2,128	453	662	293	369	89%
DENVER, CO	1,449	620	829	16%	1,077	320	1,099	535	564	76%
DES MOINES, IA	503	180	323	14%	411	78	632	172	260	86*
DETROIT, MI	4,970	2,037	2,933	23%	545	4,399	4,636	1,960	2,676	93∜
EL PASO, TX	2,360	946	1,414	17%	2,287	61	936	451	485	40%
FLINT, MI	823	350	473	23*	263	553	530	252	278	64%
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	590	266	324	15₹	114	475	531	249	282	90₹
FORT WAYNE, IN	535	197	338	15₹	311	218	449	187	262	84%
FORT WORTH, TX	1,566	650	916	17%	996	560	701	346	355	45%
FREMONT, CA	184	70	114	68	152	11	128	55	73	70%
FRESNO, CA	1,803	823	980	17*	1,223	216 1	1,198 204	592 66	606 118	66 %
GARDEN GROVE, CA	341	124 163	217 282	10% 13%	289 360	80	164	78	86	37%
GARLAND, TX GARY, IN	445 616	269	347	26%	72	544	588	267	321	95∜
GLENDALE, CA	155	56	99	6%	147	0	104	45	59	67%
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	659	285	374	16%	343	306	366	182	184	56∜
GREENSBORO, NC	369	143	226	13%	119	242	317	135	182	86%
HARTFORD, CT	711	327	384	23*	440	260	652	307	345	92*
HIALEAH, FL	297	96	201	10%	281	15	159	65	94	54*
HONOLULU, HI	430	143	287	81	53	16	327	130	197	76₹
HOUSTON, TX	6,607	2,734	3,873	16%	3,977	2,558	3,453	1,623	1,830	52*
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA		70	115	61	179	1	129	55	74	70%
HUNTSVILLE, AL	363	168	195	14%	135	223	304 2,040	157 877	147 1,163	8 4% 86%
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	2,379	933 149	1,446 234	17 1 121	1,267 335	1,105 41	155	74	81	40%
IRVING, TX JACKSON, MS	383 713	306	407	21%	68	623	642		351	90%
JACKSONVILLE, FL	1,892	724	1,168	16%	880	1,004	1,447	633	814	76%
JERSEY CITY, NJ	644	280	364	14*	239	379	547	254	293	85∜
KANSAS CITY, KS	590	230	360	22*	274	307	510	213	297	86¥
KANSAS CITY, MO	1,291	524	767	17%	481	796	1,141	495	646	88*
KNOXVILLE, TN	435	160	275	17%	279	155	323		187	74%
LAS VEGAS, NV	1.232	478	754		880	299	926		514	75%
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE,		177	275		266	184	348		201	77%
LINCOLN, NE	255	89	166		227	12	201		126	79%
LITTLE ROCK, AR	478	187	291		105	372	410		239	86 %
LONG BEACH, CA	1,363	529	834		894	323 1 695	931 8,786		537 4,968	68 % 77 %
LOS ANGELES, CA	11,380	4,571	6,809		9,517 629		1,079		584	86%
LOUISVILLE, KY	1,249	538	711 313		629 461		214		100	37%
LUBBOCK, TX	578 203	265 78	125		113		179		106	88*
MADISON, WI MEMPHIS, TN	2,564	1,089	1,475		329		2,313		1,265	90%
MPSA, AZ	689	232	457		640		495		297	72%
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TABLE 3. BIRTHS TO TREMASE MOTHERS IN LARGE U.S. CITIES IN 1992 (continued)

				of All			BIRTES TO UNIGARRIED			BIRTES TO UNIQUEDING			Of all	
	BIRTES TO TREES			Births in	MOMBER OF	P BIRTHS		Births to						
				City, t to	TO_T	TRUES .				Mothers				
	_		_	Hothers					.	Under Age 20,				
ai ku	Total Under 20	17 and Younger	Ages	Under	White	Black	Total Under 20	17 and Younger	Ages 18-19	Percent Monmarital				
<u>City</u>	Under 20	Tounder	<u>18-19</u>	Age 20	witte	DIECK	UIRGET ZU	TOMPHET	10-17					
MIAMI, FL	2,412	1,023	1,389	14%	932	1,474	2,047	940	1,107	85 %				
MILWAUKEE, WI	2,611	1,110	1,501	21%	687	1,823	2,414	1,070	1,344	92%				
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	885	422	463	14%	270	448	815	408	407	92%				
MOBILE, AL	603	263	340	17%	141	456	497	246	251	82*				
MODESTO, CA	609	260	349	14*	520	24	408	193	215	67%				
MONTGOMERY, AL	660	271	389	19%	118	538	574	254	320	87%				
NASHV'LDAVIDSÓN, T		530	701	15₹	606	607	975	473	502	79₹				
NEWARK, NJ	1,085	487	598	20%	320	761	1,001	466	535	92%				
NEW ORLEANS, LA	2,129	974	1,155	24*	91	2,024	2,036	958	1,078	96%				
NEWPORT NEWS, VA	505	177	328	14%	209	295	369	154	215	73%				
NEW YORK, NY NORFOLK, VA	13,761 939	5,773 347	7,988 592	10% 17%	7,402 328	6,152 594	11,613 673	5,228 310	6,385 363	84 % 72 %				
OAKLAND, CA	1,198	516	682	16%	308	800	925	421	504	77%				
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	1,264	504	760	17%	737	443	931	416	515	74%				
OMAHA, NE	688	251	437	12%	368	300	598	239	359	87%				
ORLANDO, FL	990	391	599	16%	475	506	825	358	467	83%				
OXNARD, CA	628	246	382	15₹	581	26	324	146	178	52%				
PATERSON, NJ	587	232	355	18%	265	320	503	216	287	86%				
PHILADELPHIA, PA	4,897	2,338	2,559	17%	1,392	3,416	4,661	2,287	2,374	95₹				
PHOENIX, AZ	3,398	1,404	1,994	17%	2,894	356	2,794	1,274	1,520	82*				
PITTSBURGH, PA	843	369	474	16%	222	619	798	362	436	95₹				
PORTLAND, OR	831	352	479	12%	542	228	704	329	375	85₹				
PROVIDENCE, RI	511	207	304	16%	301	150	453	190	263	89%				
RALEIGH, NC	348	151	197	10%	77	268	302	141	161	87%				
RICHMOND, VA	602	269	333 498	17 % 13 %	49 722	552 66	570 575	266 249	304 326	95% 70%				
RIVERSIDE, CA ROCHESTER, NY	821 1,050	323 494	556	17%	402	637	976	474	502	93%				
SACRAMENTO, CA	1,863	778	1,085	14%	1,081	498	1,307	577	730	70				
ST LOUIS, MO	1,923	874	1,049	25₹	294	1,622	1,842	860	982	96%				
ST PAUL, MN	711	284	427	14%	344	199	607	260	347	85%				
ST PETERSBURG, FL	638	272	366	17%	246	380	553	259	294	87%				
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	399	156	243	11%	354	11	244	117	127	61%				
SAN ANTONIO, TX	3,479	1,427	2,052	17%	3,171	287	1,332	637	695	38%				
SAN BERNARDINO, CA	945	3 93	552	18*	722	200	758	345	413	80%				
SAN DIEGO, CA	2,459	942	1,517	11%	1,791	432	1,702	724	978	69₹				
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	728	289	439	81	361	239	526	224	302	72%				
SAN JOSE, CA	1,848	730	1,118	11%	1,549	112	1,317	561	756	71%				
SANTA ANA, CA	1,536	600	936	14%	1,476	15	913	396	517	59₹				
SAVANNAH, GA	581	243	338	20%	119	462	494	225	269	85%				
SEATTLE, WA	523	210	313	78	242	186 599	425	189 310	236 346	81% 88%				
SHREVEPORT, LA	743	324	419 272	21 % 12 %	144 363	15	656 327	120	207	80%				
SPOKANE, WA SPRINGFIELD, MA	411 537	139 240	272	19%	370	159	489	232	257	91%				
SPRINGFIELD, MO	261	74	187	13%	248	9	163	55	108	62%				
STOCKTON, CA	984	415	569	17%	615	148	671	306	365	68%				
SYRACUSE, NY	581	265	316	19%	240	323	544	257	287	94%				
TACOMA, WA	450	181	269	13%	283	103	367	170	197	82%				
TAMPA, PL	1,281	549	732	17%	557	713	1,076	498	578	84*				
TEMPE, AZ	184	62	122	91	159	13	146	54	92	79₹				
TOLEDO, OH	1,162	475	687	19%	644	512	1,045	454	591	90₹				
TUCSON, AZ	1,315	480	835	15%	1,198	66	1,015	401	614	77%				
TULSA, OK	942	365	577	15%	558	300	684	312	372	73%				
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	641	223	418	8*	396	222	433	187	246	68%				
WARREN, MI	146	49	97	81	140	4	90	37	53	62%				
WASHINGTON, DC	1,785	780	1,005	16%	59	1,666	1,706	763	943	96%				
WICHITA, KS	924	365	559	14%	635	259	723	326	397	78% 90%				
WINSTON-SALEM, NC	443	194	249 237	17 % 14 %	119 336	322 40	400 352	183 144	217 208	90%				
WORCESTER, MA YONKERS, NY	390 271	153 115	156		155	112	215	100	115	79%				
TORRERO, NI	2/1	113	136	,,	133	***	213	100		,,,				

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